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## Official meetings

### Security Council

**10:00** — 7872nd meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Central African Republic

   Letter dated 5 December 2016 from the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic extended pursuant to Security Council resolution 2262 (2016) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2016/1032)

**Morning** (following the adjournment of the 7872nd meeting) — 7873rd meeting [webcast] — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

   Report of the Secretary-General on Somalia (S/2017/21)

**Morning** (following the adjournment of the 7873rd meeting) — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

UNSOM (S/2017/21)

Other matters

**15:00** — 7874th meeting (closed) — Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop- and police-contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

   United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali

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## General Assembly

Seventy-first session

**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

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| 10:00 to 13:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |
| 15:00 to 18:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room 10 |

1. World Food Programme
2. Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 under sections 27 (Humanitarian assistance) and 36 (Staff assessment – United Nations Monitoring Mechanism)
3. Executive meeting

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**2017 Working Group on Contingent-Owned Equipment**

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| 10:00 to 13:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room 3 |
| 15:00 to 18:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room 3 |

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**Human Rights Council**

**Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice**
Eighteenth session

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| 10:00 to 13:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |
| 15:00 to 18:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room 9 |

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## Security Council

**Military Staff Committee**

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| 11:00 to 13:00 | 1869th meeting (closed) | Conference Room 8 |

The situation concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO)

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**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 2140 (2014)**

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| 15:00 | Informal consultations (closed) | Conference Room 7 |

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Presentation of the final report of the Panel of Experts on Yemen, submitted pursuant to paragraph 5 of resolution 2266 (2016)
3. Other matters

## Other meetings

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**Arab Group (at the ambassadorial level)**

10:00 to 12:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

**United Nations Holocaust Memorial Ceremony on the theme "Holocaust Remembrance: Educating for a Better Future" on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust (organized by the Department of Public Information (DPI))**

11:00 to 12:45 [webcast] General Assembly Hall

All are invited to attend. To register, please *click here*.

[To consult the complete list of special events on the occasion of the International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust, please *click here*.]

**Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)**

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

## Press conferences

*Press Briefing Room (S-0237)* [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*.

# Forthcoming official meetings

## General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

09:00 to 10:00 Conference Room 6

Event co-organized by the President of the General Assembly and Every Woman Every Child, entitled "Youth Marketplace on Social Innovations for Health and Wellbeing: Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals"

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 18 January 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

10:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 Conference Room 2

Informal consultation on the process concerning the ways to enable the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them

Advisers of the consultation process would be available for bilateral meetings with Member States and indigenous peoples' representatives on Monday, 30 January 2017 and Wednesday, 1 February 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00. Member States and indigenous peoples' representatives wishing to schedule a bilateral meeting with the Advisors are requested to send an e-mail to helena.vuokko@formin.fi.

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 23 January 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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Wednesday, 1 February 2017

11:00 to *12:30* Conference Room 3

Informal briefing convened by the co-facilitators on the preparations for the two-day preparatory meeting for the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources, to be held on 15 and 16 February 2017

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 24 January 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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**Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly**

Monday, 20 February 2017

10:00 1st meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

[Letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 19 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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**United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development**
Preparatory meeting

Wednesday, 15, and Thursday, 16 February 2017

10:00 Conference Room 4

15:00 Conference Room 4

The President of the General Assembly, pursuant to operative paragraph 18 of General Assembly resolution 70/303, will convene a two-day preparatory meeting, to be chaired by the co-facilitators appointed to oversee the preparatory process and to conclude the intergovernmental consultations on a "Call for Action", His Excellency Álvaro Mendonça Moura, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations, and His Excellency Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations, with a view to considering the themes for the partnership dialogues of the Conference and elements for a "Call for Action".

As stipulated in Assembly resolution 70/303, the preparatory process shall be open to all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Other relevant stakeholders, including organizations and bodies of the United Nations, intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private and philanthropic organizations, whose work is relevant to the Conference and accredited in accordance with the provisions of resolution 70/303, are invited to participate as observers. Associate members of the regional commissions are also invited to participate as observers. Additional information on registration and accreditation is available on the Conference website, please *click here*.

For additional information on the preparatory meeting please contact Ms. Ling Wang (e-mail wang24@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0727), Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 November 2016 and 24 January 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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**Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations**

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed) to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 3

Developing stronger field support arrangements; and Office of Strategic Peacekeeping Partnerships

Friday, 3 February 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 3

Protection issues

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2017 substantive session
21 February to 17 March 2017

Tuesday, 21 February 2017

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 1

In accordance with General Assembly resolution A/51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee".

Member States wishing to submit such a request *should address the request in advance* of the session to *the secretariat* (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee *should send a request to the secretariat* (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

The *provisional agenda of the session* is contained in A/AC.121/2017/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2017/L.2 (to be issued).

The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/71/587 and A/71/587/Add.1 and posted on the website of the Special Committee (www.c34.unlb.org/). Other documents of the session will also be posted on the website.

*PaperSmart* will be offered as an additional service for the 2017 substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. The official documentation of the Special Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart portal by *clicking here* in all official languages.

The *list of speakers* for the general debate (21-22 February) *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list should contact the secretariat (Mr. Tomas Casas (e-mail casast@un.org)).

In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries.

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart4@un.org, *at least two hours in advance*, of their designated speaking slot and bring only 30 copies of their statements for technical services. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the Portal.

*Background information* on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*.

For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org).

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**Third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects**
Informal consultations

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

15:00 Conference Room 5

Open-ended informal consultations chaired by Her Excellency Michèle Ramis (France), in her capacity as the President-designate of the Third Review Conference (18-29 June 2018)

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**Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**

Informal meeting

Thursday, 2 February 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 6

Informal meeting on the proposal of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries entitled "Proposal of the Non-Aligned Movement on the pacific settlement of disputes and its impact on the maintenance of peace" (A/70/33, annex I) and the proposal submitted by Ghana entitled "Working paper by Ghana on strengthening the relationship and

cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes" (A/71/33, annex), convened in accordance with General Assembly resolution 71/146 of 13 December 2016

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2017 session
21 February to 1 March 2017

Tuesday, 21 February 2017

10:00 284th meeting Conference Room 3

The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/AC.182/L.145, and is available on the website of the Special Committee (*click here*). Other relevant documents for the session will also be posted on the website.

The list of speakers for the general debate, to be held on Tuesday, 21 February 2017, *is open*. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Special Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/52 of 11 December 1995, the Special Committee is open to all States Members of the United Nations. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org, Room DC2-0566; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

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**Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples**
Organizational meeting

Thursday, 23 February 2017

10:00 Conference Room 2

Documents to be considered by the Special Committee at the meeting are contained in A/AC.109/2017/L.1, A/AC.109/2017/L.2 and A/AC.109/2017/L.3 (to be issued). Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2017, to Ms. Karen Lock, Secretary of the Special Committee (e-mail lock@un.org; with copy to del-vasto@un.org and casast@un.org).

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## United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

**Executive Board**
First regular session

Tuesday, 14 February 2017 Conference Room 3

The annotated provisional agenda and work plan for the session are contained in document UNW/2017/L.1. Advance copies of documentation are available on the UN-Women Executive Board website. Executive Board members, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail *their credentials* (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead) to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org).

For requests to be on *the speakers' list* for agenda item 2 (evaluation), please send an e-mail to rocio.torres@unwomen.org, *as early as possible*, but no later than Friday, 3 February 2017. There will be no prepared speaker lists for the other agenda items.

The upcoming first regular session will be PaperSmart as per established practice. All official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal (*click here*) and will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Member States may however make specific requests for hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org) at *least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The statements will be accessible electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services, and are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

## Economic and Social Council

2017 session

### Youth Forum

Monday, 30, and Tuesday, 31 January 2017 Trusteeship Council Chamber

The Economic and Social Council will hold its sixth Youth Forum on the theme "The role of youth in poverty eradication and promoting prosperity in a changing world".

Interactive roundtables with the participation of ministers and other high-level speakers are scheduled on both days of the forum.

In view of the interactive nature of the Youth Forum, there will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *four minutes*.

All are invited to attend. Due to limited seating, Member States that are not members of the Economic and Social Council, as well as the United Nations system and other organizations who wish to participate, should communicate the composition of their delegation to the Secretary of the Council, Ms. Emer Herity (c/o alejandrino@un.org, with a copy to simonp@un.org) no later than noon *today*, 27 January 2017, in order to be provided a seat in the plenary room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information on the Youth Forum, including the draft programme, general concept note and ministerial roundtable concept notes, as well as logistical information for participation, is available on the website of the Council (*click here*) or please contact Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027), for further information.

To consult the list of side events during the Youth Forum, please *click here*.

**Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**
2017 regular session

30 January to 8 February and 21 February 2017 Conference Room 1

The annotated provisional agenda has been issued as document E/C.2/2017/1. Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbal to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057).

Please note that only scanned copies of note verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

Background information on the Committee (its procedures, forms and documentation) is available on the Website of the NGO Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (please *click here*).

Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.

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**Commission for Social Development**

Informal consultations

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room B

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution on disabilities, under item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, convened by the Chair

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room B

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth", under item 3 (b) (iii) of the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, convened by the Permanent Missions of Portugal, the Republic of Moldova and Senegal

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Fifty-fifth session
1 to 10 February 2017

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 4

The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2017/1/Rev.1. For further information on the fifty-fifth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

For the *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Mahmoud Ablan (e-mail ablanm@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who will communicate the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, by *today*, 27 January 2017, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

*General discussion* under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2017, following the opening of the session.

The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 3 February 2017, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2017/1/Rev.1.

The *lists of speakers* are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org), with a copy to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are informed that *PaperSmart services* are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The *statements* will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

To consult comprehensive information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Information regarding side events during the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, including the online application form, is accessible by *clicking here*.

## United Nations Children's Fund

**Executive Board**
First regular session

Tuesday, 7, to Thursday, 9 February 2017 Conference Room 3

The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work of the UNICEF Executive Board are contained in document E/ICEF/2017/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail them to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, but *no later than Friday, 3 February 2017*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene. The time limit set for delivering statements during the general discussion is *five minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *three minutes* for individual delegations.

As per established practice, advance copies of all session documentation are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*). The upcoming 2017 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*). UNICEF is fully committed to diversity and inclusion. To ensure that the Executive Board session is fully accessible, participants are kindly reminded of a few basic tenets that will enable all delegates to enjoy the full benefit of the deliberations. To the extent possible, speakers are encouraged to introduce themselves and to read out and/or verbally describe visual materials in slides, charts and graphs.

The United Nations provides a range of tools and services in support of persons with disabilities through its Accessibility Centre (located in the first basement level of the Conference Building); an Accessibility Service Kiosk (adjacent to the Information Desk at the Visitors' Entrance); and a Documents Assistance Centre (in the Delegates' Lounge). UNICEF would be happy to put delegates in touch with the Centre, or – with advance notice – they need to let UNICEF know what kind of services would be needed to procure on their behalf.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website. Delegations are kindly requested to bring 10 copies of their statements to the conference officers for interpretation. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

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**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services**
First regular session 2017

Monday, 30 January, to Friday, 3 February 2017 Economic and Social Council Chamber

The provisional agenda, annotations and list of documents for the session are contained in document DP/2017/L1. Kindly note that documents for the UNDP and UNOPS segments of the session are posted on the UNDP Executive Board website (*click here*) and for the UNFPA segment on the UNFPA website (*click here*). Member States, observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead) to the Executive Board secretariat at eb.secretariat@undp.org, with copy to ferguson@unfpa.org, by *today*, 27 January 2017.

The first regular session 2017 will continue to use the electronic system to identify requests to take the floor. Delegations with a special interest on any of the UNDP and UNOPS agenda items are kindly requested to communicate their intention to intervene

during such items to the Executive Board secretariat at eb.secretariat@undp.org. Interventions related to UNFPA items should be communicated to speakerslist@unfpa.org.

As per established practice, the first regular session 2017 will be *PaperSmart*. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart portal. The PaperSmart portal will provide access to the official documents in all official languages. Statements, background documents, informal documents and presentations will be available in the language of submission. The portal will be accessible via papersmart.un.org. Documents and statements will be available for viewing and downloading through laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices. Alternatively, Member States may request hard copies of documents using the print on demand icon located next to the document in the PaperSmart portal.

Member States may also request hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room. Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements or presentations by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org), *at least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The intended agenda item should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

The statements will be available to view and download via the PaperSmart portal upon delivery. Delegations are kindly requested *to provide 15 hard copies* of the official statements for the interpretation and other services.

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**United Nations Population Fund**

Briefings

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 5

On the UNFPA Strategic Plan 2018-2021

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Friday, 3 February 2017

10:00 to 11:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

On UNFPA humanitarian response funding

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

## Forthcoming other meetings

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**Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (Committee of the Whole)**

Monday, 30 January 2017

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| 10:00 to 13:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |
| 15:00 to 18:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room 5 |

**Multi-Stakeholder Forum "Women's Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work" (organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women))**

Monday, 30 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 3

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 3

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Estefania Guallar, UN-Women (e-mail estefania.guallar@unwomen.org); or *click here*.

**Briefing on "The Road Map to the United Nations Capital Development Fund Strategic Framework, 2018-2021" (organized by the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF))**

Monday, 30 January 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kris Supangkat, UNCDF (e-mail krisanhty.supangkat@uncdf.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-6436).

**Event on the theme "Achieving a Responsible and Sustainable Development: The Key Role of Francophone Youth" (co-organized by the International Organization of la Francophonie (IOF) and the Permanent Mission of Madagascar)**

Monday, 30 January 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hajer Tlijani, IOF (e-mail hajer.tlijani@francophonie.org; tel. 1 (212) 867-6771).

**Interactive meeting on "Africa's Youth on the Rise! Harnessing Africa's Youth Dividend to Achieve Prosperity for All" (co-organized by the Economic and Social Council, the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, the African Union, the Pan-African Youth Union, the United Nations Development Programme and the African Development Bank)**

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

09:30 to 11:00 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Juliet Wasswa-Mugambwa, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (e-mail wasswa-mugambwa@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9576); to register, please *click here*.

**Event entitled "Youth Innovation to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Launching the *Youth Solutions Report*" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN))**

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

13:00 to 14:30 .Conference Room E

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Pernille Borgbo, Permanent Mission of Denmark (e-mail perbor@um.dk; tel. 1 (212) 705-4943).

**Launch of the report of the International Monetary Fund entitled *Macroeconomic Developments and Prospects in Low-Income Developing Countries – 2016* (organized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF))**

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For more information, please contact Ms. Erica Carroll, IMF (e-mail ecarroll@imf.org; tel. 1 (202) 294-3899).

**International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties**

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

**Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)**

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

**Panel discussion on "A Roadmap to Achieve the Learning Generation" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Lebanon and Norway)**

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

16:00 to 17:45 Conference Room 11

For further information, contact Ms. Emilie N. Everett, Permanent Mission of Norway (e-mail emilie.everett@mfa.no; tel. 1 (646) 430-7562).

**Panel discussion on "Converging Security Threats: How Can the United Nations Better Respond to Terrorism and Violent Extremism and Other Related Non-state Security Threats?" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, Jordan and Norway)**

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

11:30 to 13:00 Conference Room 11

For further information, contact Ms. Synne M. Berge, Permanent Mission of Norway (e-mail synne.marie.berge@mfa.no; tel. 1 (646) 430-7510).

**Briefing on "The Road Map to the United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV) Strategic Framework, 2018-2021" (organized by the United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV))**

Thursday, 2 February 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ame Esangbedo, UNV (e-mail ame.esangbedo@unv.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-3632).

**Informal dialogue on "The Progress of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development (IATF on FFD) in Preparing its 2017 Report and Online Annex" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))**

Monday, 6 February 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Oliver Schwank, Financing for Development Office (e-mail schwank@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4970); *click here*.

**Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)**

Wednesday, 8 February 2017

15:00 to 16:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

**Event entitled "Media and Information Literacy: Educational Strategies for the Prevention of Violent Extremism" (co-organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI))**

Thursday, 9 February 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 1

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Jordi Torrent, UNAOC (e-mail jordit@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6216).

## Announcements

**United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law**

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs recently added the following lectures to the Lecture Series of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) website: Professor Jorge E. Viñuales – "The International Law of Climate Change after the Paris Agreement" and "Environmental Protection in Customary International Law". All interested parties are invited to visit the website, please *click here* to access the lectures.

**Invitation to participate in the Twelfth St. Jerome Translation Contest**

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**Highlights of Security Council Practice**

The Highlights of Security Council Practice provides an annual review of Security Council activities since 2011. This publication contains statistical information on the evolving practice of the Security Council relating to meetings, missions, agenda, decisions and voting patterns, as well as on its subsidiary bodies.

The 2016 Highlights of Security Council is now available online (*click here*). It is also available on the Security Council website (*click here*). The Highlights is produced by the Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch in the Security Council Affairs Division of the Department of Political Affairs. The Branch is also responsible for the drafting of the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, which provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure since 1946.

For more information about the 2016 Highlights of Security Council Practice, please contact Mr. Xu Zheng (tel. 1 (917) 367-6900), Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch, Security Council Affairs Division, Department of Political Affairs.

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*Finding speeches*

*Voting information*

*Introduction to legal resources*

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**International Law Seminar for African Universities: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (19 to 30 June 2017): Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions and call for applications**

The African Institute of International Law is planning to conduct the second International Law Seminar for African Universities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from 19 to 30 June 2017, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of the faculty members of academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region.

The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/139 (A/RES/71/139).

The curriculum for this seminar will include: International Law (Ms. Boisson de Chazournes), International Trade Law and Environmental Law (Mr. Mbengue), African Union Law and Institutions (Judge Kioko), International and African Human Rights Law (Mr. Okafor), Law of the Sea (Ms. Oral); as well as International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law (Judge Advocate General Riordan).

The seminar is subject to funding by *voluntary contributions*. Voluntary contributions are *urgently needed* to ensure the continuation of this essential capacity building activity to promote international law education in Africa.

For further information, please contact the African Institute of International Law (e-mail info@aiil-iadi.org), or the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org). Application forms are available on the AIIL website (*click here*).

**Press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly**

The press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure. It is prepared by the Security Council Affairs Division in the Department of Political Affairs.

The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law and international relations, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations in following the evolving practice of the Council and gaining a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest printed volume (Seventeenth Supplement), covering the years 2010 to 2011, is now available.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) and Part I of the Nineteenth Supplement (2014-2015) are available in their advance versions on the *Repertoire section* of the website of the Security Council.

**Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises**

The report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been issued in document A/70/723, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's report, contained in document A/70/824.

**Calendar of conferences and meetings**

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

# Summary of official meetings

**Thursday, 26 January 2017**

## Security Council

[archived video]

7869th meeting — *The situation in Cyprus*

*Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations operation in Cyprus (S/2017/20)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2017/70, submitted by the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2017/70) before it.

*Decision: The draft resolution (S/2017/70) received fifteen votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was dopted unanimously as resolution 2338 (2017).*

7870th meeting — *The situation in the Middle East*

*Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014) and 2258 (2015) (S/2017/58)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

In accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, the President invited Mr. Stephen O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Mr. Amir Mahmoud Abdulla, Deputy Executive Director, World Food Programme, and Dr. Peter Salama, Executive Director, World Health Organization Emergencies Programme, to participate in the meeting.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Abdulla.

The Council heard a briefing by Dr. Salama, via video-teleconference from Geneva.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uruguay and the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

7871st meeting — *The situation in the Middle East*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Yemen to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, the President invited Mr. Ismail Ould Cheikh Ahmed, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Yemen, and Mr. Stephen O'Brien, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, to participate in the meeting.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Ould Cheikh Ahmed and Mr. O'Brien.

A statement was made by the representative of Uruguay.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Yemen.

## Economic and Social Council

2017 session

[archived video]

9th meeting

The President of the Council (Zimbabwe) made a statement.

*Election of the Bureau* [item 1]

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

*Election of a Vice-President*

In accordance with rule 22 of its rules of procedure, the Council elected, by acclamation, His Excellency Juergen Schulz (Germany) as Vice-President of the Council for its 2017 session to complete the unexpired term of His Excellency Heiko Thoms (Germany).

The Council was informed that the newly elected Vice-President (Germany) would be responsible for the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2017 session of the Council.

*Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters* [item 2]

The Council resumed its consideration of the item.

*Action on draft decision E/2017/L.11*

The Council was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The Council adopted the draft decision (decision 2017/210).

*Action on draft decision E/2017/L.12*

The Council was informed that the draft decision contained no programme budget implications.

The Council adopted the draft decision (decision 2017/211).

*Organization of work*

Statements were made by the representatives of Ireland, France, Australia and the United Kingdom.

A statement was made by the President of the Council (Zimbabwe).

# General information

### Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2017* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States*

Burundi
His Excellency Albert Shingiro

*Asia-Pacific States*
Lebanon
His Excellency Nawaf Salam

*Eastern European States*
Lithuania
Her Excellency Raimonda Murmokaitė

*Latin American and Caribbean States*
Cuba
Her Excellency Ana Silvia Rodriguez Abascal
*Chargée d'Affaires*

*Western European and other States*
Switzerland
His Excellency Jürg Lauber

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Seventy-first session

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The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/251/Add.1, and the allocation of agenda items for the session is contained in document A/71/252 and A/71/252/Add.1.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/71/100 and the annotated draft agenda of the seventy-first session has been issued as document A/71/100/Add.1.

The following items on the agenda remain open for consideration during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly: agenda items 9 to 15, 19, 19 (h), 20, 28 to 35, 37, 38, 40 to 46, 51, 61, 62, 62 (a) and (b), 65, 65 (a), 66, 68, 68 (b), 69, 69 (a) to (d), 73, 73 (a), 87, 110 to 112, 114, 114 (a), 115, 115 (b) (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l), 116 to 125, 126, 126 (b), (c), (e) to (h), (j), (k), (m), (p), (q), (s), (t) and (z), and 127 to 164.

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There is no pre-determined calendar of meetings for the resumed part of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly.

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| A/71/749–S/2017/42 | Letter dated 12 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *3 pages* |
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| S/2017/44 | Identical letters dated 16 January 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *2 pages* |

S/2017/52 Identical letters dated 18 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

**Economic and Social Council**

**2017 session**

E/2017/L.11 Item 2 — Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters — Draft decision submitted by the President of the Council — Theme of the integration segment of the 2017 session of the Economic and Social Council [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

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## Programme of meetings and agenda

## Monday, 30 January 2017

## Official meetings

### General Assembly

Seventy-first session

**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

10:00 to 13:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 — Closed meeting — Conference Room 10

1. Sixth progress report on the accountability system in the United Nations Secretariat
2. Executive meeting

### Security Council

**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

15:00 — 8th meeting (closed) — Conference Room 7

1. Chair's briefing to regional States on the midterm report of the Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2016/1102): Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burundi, Rwanda, South Sudan, United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda
2. Other matters

Afternoon (following the adjournment of the 8th meeting) — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Conference Room 7

1. Presentation by the Coordinator of the Group of Experts to the Committee on December 2016 and January 2017 monthly updates
2. Other matters

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## Economic and Social Council

2017 session

10:00 to 13:00 — Youth Forum [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber
Overflow room: Conference Room 4

*Theme "The role of youth in poverty eradication and promoting prosperity in a changing world"*

10:00 to 10:45 — *Opening*

Opening statement by His Excellency Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of the Economic and Social Council

Video message of the Secretary-General

Opening statement by His Excellency Peter Thomson, President of the General Assembly

Introductory statement by Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, Envoy of the Secretary-General on Youth

Keynote address by His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, His Majesty the King's Representative for Youth and Charity Affairs, Chairman of the Supreme Council for Youth and Sports and President of the Bahrain Olympic Committee

Keynote address by Ms. Trisha Shetty, Founder and Chief Executive Officer of SheSays and member of the United Nations Young Leaders

10:45 to 13:00 — *Plenary roundtable* — Trusteeship Council Chamber
Overflow room: Conference Room 4

*Theme "The role of youth in poverty eradication and promoting prosperity"*

Interactive discussion with ministerial participation, moderated by Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, Envoy of the Secretary-General on Youth

For details on the roundtable, please *click here.*

14:30 to 16:20 — Youth Forum

*Parallel breakout sessions on the Sustainable Development Goals for review by the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development, convened under the auspices of the Economic and Social Council at its 2017 session*

1. Topic "End poverty in all its forms and create decent jobs for youth" *(in the Trusteeship Council Chamber)*
2. Topic "End hunger, achieve food security and improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture" *(in Conference Room 11)*
3. Topic "Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages" *(in Conference Room 12)*
4. Topic "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls" *(in Conference Room B)*
5. Topic "Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation" *(in Conference Room F)*

6. Topic "Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development" *(in Conference Room E)*

For details on the breakout sessions, please *click here*.

16:30 to 18:00 Youth Forum [webcast] Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Reporting by the moderators on the outcome of their respective breakout sessions
2. Interactive panel discussion on the topic "Role of technology in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals"

For details on the panel discussion, please *click here*.

[In view of the interactive nature of the Youth Forum, there will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *four minutes*.

Additional information on the Youth Forum, including the draft programme, general concept note and ministerial roundtable concept notes, as well as logistical information for participation, is available on the website of the Council (*click here*) or please contact Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027), for further information.

To consult the list of side events during the Youth Forum, please *click here*.]

**Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**
2017 regular session

10:00 to 13:00 1st meeting Conference Room 1

1. Election of officers [item 1]
2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters (E/C.2/2017/1) [item 2]
3. Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the Secretariat [item 5]
4. General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network [item 8]
5. Consideration of special reports [item 7]
6. New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2017/R.2, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.1, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.2, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.3, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.4, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.5, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.6, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.7, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.8, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.9, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.10, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.11, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.12, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.13, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.14, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.15, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.16, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.17, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.18, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.19, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.20, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.21, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.22, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.23, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.24, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.25, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.26, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.27, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.28 and E/C.2/2017/R.3) [item 3 (b)]

15:00 to 18:00 2nd meeting Conference Room 1

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2017/R.2, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.1, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.2, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.3, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.4, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.5, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.6, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.7, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.8, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.9, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.10, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.11, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.12, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.13, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.14, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.15, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.16, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.17, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.18, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.19, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.20, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.21, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.22, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.23, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.24, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.25, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.26, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.27, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.28 and E/C.2/2017/R.3) [item 3 (b)]

[Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057).

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.]

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**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services**
First regular session 2017

10:00 to 13:00 1st meeting [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Organizational matters [item 1]

Adoption of the agenda and workplan for the session

Adoption of the report of the second regular session 2016

Adoption of the annual workplan 2017 of the Executive Board

*UNDP segment*

2. Statement by the Administrator

3. Country programmes and related matters [item 2]

Presentation and approval of country programme documents

Extensions of country programmes

15:00 to 17:30 2nd meeting [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

Evaluation [item 3]

Evaluation of the UNDP contribution to anti-corruption and addressing drivers of corruption and management response

Evaluation of disabilities-inclusive development at UNDP and management response

15:30 to 18:00 Informal consultations Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal consultations on draft decisions

## United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

**Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf**
Forty-third session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf from *Monday, 30 January 2017*, to Friday, 10 February 2017; and from Monday, 20 February, to Friday, 3 March 2017; from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

## Other meetings

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**Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) (Committee of the Whole)**

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

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**Group of 77 (on the Commission for Social Development)**

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

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**Multi-Stakeholder Forum "Women's Economic Empowerment in the Changing World of Work" (organized by the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women))**

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 3

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 3

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Estefania Guallar, UN-Women (e-mail estefania.guallar@unwomen.org); or *click here*.

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**Briefing on "The Road Map to the United Nations Capital Development Fund Strategic Framework, 2018-2021" (organized by the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF))**

13:15 to 14:30 [webcast] Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Kris Supangkat, UNCDF (e-mail krisanhty.supangkat@uncdf.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-6436).

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**Event on the theme "Achieving a Responsible and Sustainable Development: The Key Role of Francophone Youth" (co-organized by the International Organization of la Francophonie (IOF) and the Permanent Mission of Madagascar)**

13:15 to 14:30 [webcast] Conference Room 7

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Hajer Tlijani, IOF (e-mail hajer.tlijani@francophonie.org; tel. 1 (212) 867-6771).

## Press conferences

*Press Briefing Room (S-0237)* [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*.

# Forthcoming official meetings

## General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

09:00 to 10:00 Conference Room 6

Event co-organized by the President of the General Assembly and Every Woman Every Child, entitled "Youth Marketplace on Social Innovations for Health and Wellbeing: Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals"

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 18 January 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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Tuesday, 31 January 2017

10:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 Conference Room 2

Informal consultation on the process concerning the ways to enable the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them

Advisers of the consultation process would be available for bilateral meetings with Member States and indigenous peoples' representatives on *Monday, 30 January 2017* and Wednesday, 1 February 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00. Member States and indigenous peoples' representatives wishing to schedule a bilateral meeting with the Advisors are requested to send an e-mail to helena.vuokko@formin.fi.

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 23 January 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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Wednesday, 1 February 2017

11:00 to 12:30 Conference Room 3

Informal briefing convened by the co-facilitators on the preparations for the two-day preparatory meeting for the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources, to be held on 15 and 16 February 2017

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 24 January 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

Monday, 6 February 2017

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal meeting (closed) of the General Assembly on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org, with copy to e-mail gaspeakerslist@un.org)).

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 12 January 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives.]

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**Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly**

Monday, 20 February 2017

10:00 1st meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 19 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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**United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development**
Preparatory meeting

Wednesday, 15, and Thursday, 16 February 2017

10:00 Conference Room 4

15:00 Conference Room 4

The President of the General Assembly, pursuant to operative paragraph 18 of General Assembly resolution 70/303, will convene a two-day preparatory meeting, to be chaired by the co-facilitators appointed to oversee the preparatory process and to conclude the intergovernmental consultations on a "Call for Action", His Excellency Álvaro Mendonça Moura, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations, and His Excellency Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations, with a view to considering the themes for the partnership dialogues of the Conference and elements for a "Call for Action".

As stipulated in Assembly resolution 70/303, the preparatory process shall be open to all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Other relevant stakeholders, including organizations and bodies of the United Nations, intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private and philanthropic organizations, whose work is relevant to the Conference and accredited in accordance with the provisions of resolution 70/303, are invited to participate as observers. Associate members of the regional commissions are also invited to participate as observers. Additional information on registration and accreditation is available on the Conference website, please *click here*.

For additional information on the preparatory meeting please contact Ms. Ling Wang (e-mail wang24@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0727), Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 November 2016 and 24 January 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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**Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations**

Informal briefings

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide informal briefings (closed) to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 3

Developing stronger field support arrangements; and Office of Strategic Peacekeeping Partnerships

Friday, 3 February 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 3

Protection issues

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2017 substantive session
21 February to 17 March 2017

Tuesday, 21 February 2017

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 1

In accordance with General Assembly resolution A/51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee".

Member States wishing to submit such a request *should address the request in advance* of the session to *the secretariat* (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee *should send a request to the secretariat* (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

The *provisional agenda of the session* is contained in A/AC.121/2017/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2017/L.2 (to be issued).

The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/71/587 and A/71/587/Add.1 and posted on the website of the Special Committee (www.c34.unlb.org/). Other documents of the session will also be posted on the website.

*PaperSmart* will be offered as an additional service for the 2017 substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. The official documentation of the Special Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart portal by *clicking here* in all official languages.

The *list of speakers* for the general debate (21-22 February) *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list should contact the secretariat (Mr. Tomas Casas (e-mail casast@un.org)).

In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries.

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart4@un.org, *at least two hours in advance*, of their designated speaking slot and bring only 30 copies of their statements for technical services. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the Portal.

*Background information* on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*.

For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org).

**Third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects**

Informal consultations

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

15:00 Conference Room 5

Open-ended informal consultations chaired by Her Excellency Michèle Ramis (France), in her capacity as the President-designate of the Third Review Conference (18-29 June 2018)

**Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**

Informal meeting

Thursday, 2 February 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 6

Informal meeting on the proposal of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries entitled "Proposal of the Non-Aligned Movement on the pacific settlement of disputes and its impact on the maintenance of peace" (A/70/33, annex I) and the proposal submitted by Ghana entitled "Working paper by Ghana on strengthening the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes" (A/71/33, annex), convened in accordance with General Assembly resolution 71/146 of 13 December 2016

2017 session
21 February to 1 March 2017

Tuesday, 21 February 2017

10:00 284th meeting Conference Room 3

The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/AC.182/L.145, and is available on the website of the Special Committee (*click here*). Other relevant documents for the session will also be posted on the website.

The list of speakers for the general debate, to be held on Tuesday, 21 February 2017, *is open*. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Special Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/52 of 11 December 1995, the Special Committee is open to all States Members of the United Nations. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org, Room DC2-0566; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

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**United Nations Commission on International Trade Law**

**Working Group II (Dispute Settlement)**
Technical briefing

Monday, 6 February 2017

13:15 Conference Room C

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**Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples**
Organizational meeting

Thursday, 23 February 2017

10:00 Conference Room 2

Documents to be considered by the Special Committee at the meeting are contained in A/AC.109/2017/L.1, A/AC.109/2017/L.2 and A/AC.109/2017/L.3 (to be issued).

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate (scanned note verbale) the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2017, to Ms. Karen Lock, Secretary of the Special Committee (e-mail lock@un.org; with copy to del-vasto@un.org and casast@un.org).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to the 2017 session of the Special Committee *should send a request (scanned note verbale) to the secretariat* (e-mail lock@un.org; with copy to del-vasto@un.org and casast@un.org).

## United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

**Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf**
Forty-third session
13 to 17 February and 6 to 17 March 2017

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| 10:00 to 13:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |
| 15:00 to 18:00 | Closed meeting | Conference Room 6 |

Open meeting
Friday, 10 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

Open meeting to mark the twentieth anniversary of its establishment and to highlight the work carried out by the Commission in these two decades and reflect on the relationship between the Commission and the other two treaty bodies established under the Convention, namely the International Seabed Authority and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

The programme of the open meeting, which will be made available on the website of the Commission in early February, includes interventions by the Secretary-General of the United Nations or his representative, the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority and the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, as well as by presenters from among the current members of the Commission.

## United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

**Executive Board**
First regular session

Tuesday, 14 February 2017 Conference Room 3

The annotated provisional agenda and work plan for the session are contained in document UNW/2017/L.1. Advance copies of documentation are available on the UN-Women Executive Board website. Executive Board members, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail *their credentials* (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead) to Ms. Rocío Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org).

For requests to be on *the speakers' list* for agenda item 2 (evaluation), please send an e-mail to rocio.torres@unwomen.org, *as early as possible*, but no later than Friday, 3 February 2017. There will be no prepared speaker lists for the other agenda items.

The upcoming first regular session will be PaperSmart as per established practice. All official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal (*click here*) and will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Member States may however make specific requests for hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org) at *least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The statements will be accessible electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services, and are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

## Economic and Social Council

### Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room B

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution on disabilities, under item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, convened by the Chair

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room B

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth", under item 3 (b) (iii) of the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, convened by the Permanent Missions of Portugal, the Republic of Moldova and Senegal

Fifty-fifth session
1 to 10 February 2017

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 4

The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2017/1/Rev.1. For further information on the fifty-fifth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

For the *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Mahmoud Ablan (e-mail ablanm@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who have communicated the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail doultonf@un.org).

*General discussion* under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2017, following the opening of the session.

The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 3 February 2017, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2017/1/Rev.1.

The *lists of speakers* are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org), with a copy to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*, statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are informed that *PaperSmart services* are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The *statements* will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

To consult comprehensive information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Information regarding side events during the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, including the online application form, is accessible by *clicking here*.

## United Nations Children's Fund

**Executive Board**
First regular session

Tuesday, 7, to Thursday, 9 February 2017 Conference Room 3

The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work of the UNICEF Executive Board are contained in document E/ICEF/2017/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096); or e-mail them to harai@unicef.org, as early as possible, but *no later than Friday, 3 February 2017*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene. The time limit set for delivering statements during the general discussion is *five minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *three minutes* for individual delegations.

As per established practice, advance copies of all session documentation are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*). The upcoming 2017 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*). UNICEF is fully committed to diversity and inclusion. To ensure that the Executive Board session is fully accessible, participants are kindly reminded of a few basic tenets that will enable all delegates to enjoy the full benefit of the deliberations. To the extent possible, speakers are encouraged to introduce themselves and to read out and/or verbally describe visual materials in slides, charts and graphs.

The United Nations provides a range of tools and services in support of persons with disabilities through its Accessibility Centre (located in the first basement level of the Conference Building); an Accessibility Service Kiosk (adjacent to the Information Desk at the Visitors' Entrance); and a Documents Assistance Centre (in the Delegates' Lounge). UNICEF would be happy to put delegates in touch with the Centre, or – with advance notice – they need to let UNICEF know what kind of services would be needed to procure on their behalf.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn. Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website. Delegations are kindly requested to bring 10 copies of their statements to the conference officers for interpretation. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services**

**United Nations Population Fund**

Briefings

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 5

On the UNFPA Strategic Plan 2018-2021

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Friday, 3 February 2017

10:00 to 11:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

On UNFPA humanitarian response funding

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

## Forthcoming other meetings

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**Interactive meeting on "Africa's Youth on the Rise! Harnessing Africa's Youth Dividend to Achieve Prosperity for All" (co-organized by the Economic and Social Council, the Office of the Special Adviser on Africa, the African Union, the Pan-African Youth Union, the United Nations Development Programme and the African Development Bank)**

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

09:30 to 11:00 Conference Room 12

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Juliet Wasswa-Mugambwa, Office of the Special Adviser on Africa (e-mail wasswa-mugambwa@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9576); to register, please *click here*.

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**Event entitled "Youth Innovation to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Launching the *Youth Solutions Report*" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN))**

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

13:00 to 14:30 Conference Room E

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Pernille Borgbo, Permanent Mission of Denmark (e-mail perbor@um.dk; tel. 1 (212) 705-4943).

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**Launch of the report of the International Monetary Fund entitled *Macroeconomic Developments and Prospects in Low-Income Developing Countries – 2016* (organized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF))**

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For more information, please contact Ms. Erica Carroll, IMF (e-mail ecarroll@imf.org; tel. 1 (202) 294-3899).

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**International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties**

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

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**Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)**

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

**Panel discussion on "A Roadmap to Achieve the Learning Generation" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Lebanon and Norway)**

Tuesday, 31 January 2017

16:00 to 17:45 Conference Room 11

For further information, contact Ms. Emilie N. Everett, Permanent Mission of Norway (e-mail emilie.everett@mfa.no; tel. 1 (646) 430-7562).

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**Panel discussion on "Converging Security Threats: How Can the United Nations Better Respond to Terrorism and Violent Extremism and Other Related Non-state Security Threats?" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, Jordan and Norway)**

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

11:30 to 13:00 Conference Room 11

For further information, contact Ms. Synne M. Berge, Permanent Mission of Norway (e-mail synne.marie.berge@mfa.no; tel. 1 (646) 430-7510).

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**Briefing on "The Road Map to the United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV) Strategic Framework, 2018-2021" (organized by the United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV))**

Thursday, 2 February 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ame Esangbedo, UNV (e-mail ame.esangbedo@unv.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-3632).

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**Informal dialogue on "The Progress of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development (IATF on FFD) in Preparing its 2017 Report and Online Annex" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))**

Monday, 6 February 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Oliver Schwank, Financing for Development Office (e-mail schwank@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4970); *click here*.

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**Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)**

Wednesday, 8 February 2017

15:00 to 16:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

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**Event entitled "Media and Information Literacy: Educational Strategies for the Prevention of Violent Extremism" (co-organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI))**

Thursday, 9 February 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 1

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Jordi Torrent, UNAOC (e-mail jordit@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6216).

**High-level Forum on the occasion of the second International Day of Women and Girls in Science (11 February) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Malta and the Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT))**

Friday, 10 February 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Anneliese Sammut, Permanent Mission of Malta (e-mail anneliese.sammut@gov.mt; tel. 1 (929) 216-7766). To register, please *click here*.

## Announcements

**United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law**

The Codification Division of the Office of Legal Affairs recently added the following lectures to the Lecture Series of the United Nations Audiovisual Library of International Law (AVL) website: Professor Jorge E. Viñuales – "The International Law of Climate Change after the Paris Agreement" and "Environmental Protection in Customary International Law". All interested parties are invited to visit the website, please *click here* to access the lectures.

**Invitation to participate in the Twelfth St. Jerome Translation Contest**

All United Nations delegates and staff members are invited to take part in the Twelfth Annual St. Jerome Translation Contest, organized by the Translation Services, Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), and launched last September 2016. The deadline for submission of test pieces is *Tuesday, 31 January 2017*. For more information, please *click here*; or visit the Contest website by *clicking here*.

**Highlights of Security Council Practice**

The Highlights of Security Council Practice provides an annual review of Security Council activities since 2011. This publication contains statistical information on the evolving practice of the Security Council relating to meetings, missions, agenda, decisions and voting patterns, as well as on its subsidiary bodies.

The 2016 Highlights of Security Council is now available online (*click here*). It is also available on the Security Council website (*click here*). The Highlights is produced by the Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch in the Security Council Affairs Division of the Department of Political Affairs. The Branch is also responsible for the drafting of the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, which provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure since 1946.

For more information about the 2016 Highlights of Security Council Practice, please contact Mr. Xu Zheng (tel. 1 (917) 367-6900), Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch, Security Council Affairs Division, Department of Political Affairs.

**Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions**

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training in English (unless otherwise indicated) for delegates and staff of permanent missions, at the Library Building, Room L-133 (First Floor), for the months of *January and February 2017*:

*General Assembly documentation (English, French)*

*Security Council documentation*

*Introduction to United Nations documents*

*Finding speeches*

*Voting information*

*Introduction to legal resources*

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*). For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

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**International Law Seminar for African Universities: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (19 to 30 June 2017): Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions and call for applications**

The African Institute of International Law is planning to conduct the second International Law Seminar for African Universities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from 19 to 30 June 2017, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of the faculty members of academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region.

The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/139 (A/RES/71/139).

The curriculum for this seminar will include: International Law (Ms. Boisson de Chazournes), International Trade Law and Environmental Law (Mr. Mbengue), African Union Law and Institutions (Judge Kioko), International and African Human Rights Law (Mr. Okafor), Law of the Sea (Ms. Oral); as well as International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law (Judge Advocate General Riordan).

The seminar is subject to funding by *voluntary contributions*. Voluntary contributions are *urgently needed* to ensure the continuation of this essential capacity building activity to promote international law education in Africa.

For further information, please contact the African Institute of International Law (e-mail info@aiil-iadi.org), or the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org). Application forms are available on the AIIL website (*click here*).

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**Press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly**

The press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure. It is prepared by the Security Council Affairs Division in the Department of Political Affairs.

The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law and international relations, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations in following the evolving practice of the Council and gaining a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest printed volume (Seventeenth Supplement), covering the years 2010 to 2011, is now available.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) and Part I of the Nineteenth Supplement (2014-2015) are available in their advance versions on the *Repertoire section* of the website of the Security Council.

**Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises**

The report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been issued in document A/70/723, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's report, contained in document A/70/824.

**Calendar of conferences and meetings**

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

# Summary of official meetings

**Friday, 27 January 2017**

## Security Council

[archived video]

7872nd meeting *The situation in the Central African Republic*

*Letter dated 5 December 2016 from the Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic extended pursuant to Security Council resolution 2262 (2016) addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2016/1032)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of the Central African Republic to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2017/77, submitted by France.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2017/77) before it.

*Decision: The draft resolution (S/2017/77) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 2339 (2017).*

After the vote, a statement was made by the representative of France.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of the Central African Republic.

7873rd meeting *The situation in Somalia*

*Report of the Secretary-General on Somalia (S/2017/21)*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President invited the representative of Somalia to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President invited Mr. Michael Keating, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia, Mr. Francisco Caetano José Madeira, Special Representative of the Chairperson of the African Union Commission for Somalia and Head of the African Union Mission in Somalia, and Ms. Asha Gelle Dirie, founder and Executive Director of The Asha Gelle Foundation, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Mr. Keating, Mr. Madeira and Ms. Dirie.

Statements were made by the representatives of Uruguay and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Sweden.

The Council heard a statement by His Excellency Abdusalam Hadliyeh Omer, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Investment Promotion of Somalia.

7874th meeting (closed) *Meeting of the Security Council with the troop- and police- contributing countries pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B*

*United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"On 27 January 2017, the Security Council, pursuant to annex II, sections A and B of resolution 1353 (2001), held its 7874th meeting in private with the troop- and police-contributing countries to the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali.

"The President invited Mr. Hervé Ladsous, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations, and Mr. Atul Khare, Under-Secretary-General for Field Support, to participate in the meeting in accordance with rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

"The Security Council and the troop- and police-contributing countries heard briefings by Mr. Ladsous and Mr. Khare.

"Members of the Council, Mr. Ladsous, Mr. Khare, and representatives of participating contributing countries had an exchange of views."

# Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

*The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.*

**[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]**

*Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. New York, 4 August 1995*

*Accession*: Ghana (27 January 2017)

# General information

**Chairs of regional groups**

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2017* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States*
Burundi
His Excellency Albert Shingiro

*Asia-Pacific States*
Lebanon
His Excellency Nawaf Salam

*Eastern European States*
Lithuania
Her Excellency Raimonda Murmokaitė

*Latin American and Caribbean States*
Cuba
Her Excellency Ana Silvia Rodriguez Abascal
*Chargée d'Affaires*

*Western European and other States*
Switzerland
His Excellency Jürg Lauber

## General Assembly

Seventy-first session

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For *PaperSmart Services*, delegations are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements for posting on the PaperSmart portal to papersmart@un.org. The title and the date of the meeting should be indicated in the subject line of the e-mail.

The submission and co-sponsorship of all draft resolutions and decisions in the General Assembly plenary now takes place via the General Assembly Plenary e-Sponsorship application in the e-deleGATE portal at http://delegate.un.int. Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly. Permanent Missions to the United Nations are invited to inform the General Assembly Affairs Branch (e-mailgaplenarye-sponsorship@un.org) of those accredited delegates who should be granted access to General Assembly Plenary e-Sponsorship, using a registration form that was provided to the Missions and is available on the General Assembly website (*click here*). Based on the information received, delegates will be issued a username and a password to access the Portal. For questions on the submission of a draft resolution or a draft decision for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3872 (Room S-3044).

The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/251/Add.1, and the allocation of agenda items for the session is contained in document A/71/252 and A/71/252/Add.1.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/71/100 and the annotated draft agenda of the seventy-first session has been issued as document A/71/100/Add.1.

The following items on the agenda remain open for consideration during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly: agenda items 9 to 15, 19, 19 (h), 20, 28 to 35, 37, 38, 40 to 46, 51, 61, 62, 62 (a) and (b), 65, 65 (a), 66, 68, 68 (b), 69, 69 (a) to (d), 73, 73 (a), 87, 110 to 112, 114, 114 (a), 115, 115 (b) (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l), 116 to 125, 126, 126 (b), (c), (e) to (h), (j), (k), (m), (p), (q), (s), (t) and (z), and 127 to 164.

The schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the resumed part of its seventy-first session will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

There is no pre-determined calendar of meetings for the resumed part of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly.

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For broadcast TV coverage, please contact Mr. David Woodie/DPI (e-mail woodie@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9399);

For live and on-demand webcast coverage on the United Nations Web TV website, please contact the Department of Public Information (Mr. Andreas Damianou (e-mail damianou@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-6733) and Ms. Valérie Justin (e-mail justin@un.org); [webcast] How to book a webcast (*click here*);

For special events services, please contact the Special Events Unit/DM (e-mail specialevents@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-4245);

For audiovisual services, please contact BCSS/DM (request-for-services@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-9485);

For loaning of technological equipment (PC, printer, etc.), please contact OICT/DM (e-mail itservices@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3333).

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**Documentation Services for Delegates provided by the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM)**

Useful *links* to United Nations documentation resources can be found at www.un.org/documents. The Official Document System (ODS) features an enhanced search page (documents.un.org) which, using keywords, facilitates considerably the search and retrieval of documents.

For *eSubscription* a simple and fast alternate way to access United Nations parliamentary documents electronically through the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management's eSubscription service, please *click here*.

Based on RSS feeds (Really Simple Syndication), the latest edition of the *Journal* and parliamentary documents issued daily at Headquarters can be accessed readily on a computer or hand-held smart device. Sign-up is free and easy by visiting the eSubscription page at www.undocs.org. An overview of all documents with the options "e-mail" or "RSS" next to each document category is located there. After sign-up, documents will be sent to the subscriber via e-mail as soon as they are made available. Comments, questions and suggestions are invited to be sent to help-desk@un.org.

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*Conference Officer Desks and/or Documents Counters* are located in each of the following conference rooms in the Secretariat Building: Conference Rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4, the General Assembly Hall, the Economic and Social Council Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber, where documents for the meeting being held at that time may be obtained.

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**Security Council**

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Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Room Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make *40 copies* for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and *200 additional copies* for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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## Documents issued at United Nations Headquarters on Friday, 27 January 2017

*With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations http://documents.un.org in the electronic version of the present Journal.*

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| A/RES/71/162 | Item 26 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 19 December 2016 [A C E F R S] — *14 pages* |
| A/RES/71/182 | Item 67 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 19 December 2016 [A C E F R S] — *4 pages* |
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| A/RES/71/210 | Item 107 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 19 December 2016 [A C E F R S] — *5 pages* |
| A/RES/71/236 | Item 21 — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 21 December 2016 [A C E F R S] — *5 pages* |

A/RES/71/237 Item 21 (b) — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 21 December 2016 [A C E F R S] — *9 pages*

**Fifth Committee**

A/C.5/71/18 Item 149 — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Approved resources for peacekeeping operations for the period from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017 — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *3 pages*

**Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations**

A/AC.121/2017/L.2 Draft programme of work [A C E F R S] — *2 pages*

**Security Council**

S/2017/54 Letter dated 17 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S] — *8 pages*

S/2017/59 Letter dated 19 January 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*

S/2017/70 United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland: draft resolution [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*

S/Agenda/7869 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

S/Agenda/7871 Provisional agenda [A C E F R S] — *1 page*

S/RES/2338 (2017) Resolution 2338 (2017) — Adopted by the Security Council at its 7869th meeting, on 26 January 2017 [A C E F R S] — *4 pages*

**Economic and Social Council**

**Statistical Commission**
**Forty-eighth session**

E/CN.3/2017/8 Item 3 (e) of the provisional agenda — Items for discussion and decision: quality assurance in the global statistical system — Quality assurance in the global statistical system — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*

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## Programme of meetings and agenda

## Tuesday, 31 January 2017

## Official meetings

### Security Council

10:00 — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Middle East (Syria)

Other matters

[The President of the Security Council for the month of January (Sweden) will provide a briefing (Toledo-style informal wrap-up session) for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council on its work for the month *today*, 31 January 2017, at 15:00, in Conference Room 3.]

### General Assembly

Seventy-first session

09:00 to 10:00 — [redacted] — Conference Room 6

Event co-organized by the President of the General Assembly and Every Woman Every Child, entitled "Youth Marketplace on Social Innovations for Health and Wellbeing: Implementing the Sustainable Development Goals"

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 18 January 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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10:00 Conference Room 2

15:00 Conference Room 2

Informal consultation on the process concerning the ways to enable the participation of indigenous peoples' representatives and institutions in meetings of relevant United Nations bodies on issues affecting them

Advisers of the consultation process would be available for bilateral meetings with Member States and indigenous peoples' representatives on Wednesday, 1 February 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00. Member States and indigenous peoples' representatives wishing to schedule a bilateral meeting with the Advisors are requested to send an e-mail to helena.vuokko@formin.fi.

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 23 January 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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**Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations**
Informal briefing

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 3

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed) to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, on: Developing stronger field support arrangements; and Office of Strategic Peacekeeping Partnerships

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**Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions**

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Executive meeting
2. Managing after-service health insurance
3. Executive meeting

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**Third United Nations Conference to Review Progress Made in the Implementation of the Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat and Eradicate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects**
Informal consultations

15:00 Conference Room 5

Open-ended informal consultations chaired by Her Excellency Michèle Ramis (France), in her capacity as the President-designate of the Third Review Conference (18-29 June 2018)

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## Security Council

**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)**

16:00 to 18:00 76th meeting (closed) Conference Room 7

## Economic and Social Council

2017 session

09:30 to 10:50 Youth Forum

*Parallel breakout sessions to discuss key regional priorities for youth development*

1. Africa region [webcast] — Conference Room 12
2. Arab region — Conference Room B
3. Asia and the Pacific region — Conference Room 11
4. Europe, North America and other States — Conference Room E
5. Latin America and the Caribbean region [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

For details on the breakout sessions, please *click here*.

11:00 to 13:00 Youth Forum [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber
Overflow room: *Conference Room 5*

1. Reporting by the moderators of the regional breakout sessions on the outcomes of their respective breakout sessions
2. Interactive panel discussion on the topic "Youth engagement in eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity: Voices from the field"

For details on the breakout sessions, please *click here*.

15:00 to 18:00 Youth Forum [webcast] — Trusteeship Council Chamber

15:00 to 17:30 Interactive round table with ministerial participation on the topic "Means of implementation and financing for youth development"

For details on the breakout sessions, please *click here*

17:30 to 18:00 *Closing*

Closing statement by Mr. Wu Hongbo, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs

Closing statement by Ms. Helen Clark, Chair of the United Nations Development Group

Closing statement by Ms. Ivana Ilić, General Secretary, YMCA Europe

Closing statement by Mr. Ahmad Alhendawi, United Nations Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth

Closing statement by His Excellency Frederick Musiiwa Makamure Shava, President of the Economic and Social Council

[In view of the interactive nature of the Youth Forum, there will be no pre-determined list of speakers and participants are requested to refrain from reading prepared statements. In order to provide for maximum participation, interventions will be limited to *four minutes*.

Additional information on the Youth Forum, including the draft programme, general concept note and ministerial roundtable concept notes, as well as logistical information for participation, is available on the website of the Council (*click here*) or please contact Mr. Paul Simon, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (e-mail simonp@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5027), for further information.

To consult the list of side events during the Youth Forum, please *click here*.]

**Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**
2017 regular session

10:00 to 13:00 3rd meeting Conference Room 1

15:00 to 18:00 4th meeting Conference Room 1

New applications for consultative status and new requests for reclassification (E/C.2/2017/R.2, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.1, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.2, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.3, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.4, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.5, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.6, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.7, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.8, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.9, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.10, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.11, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.12, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.13, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.14, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.15, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.16, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.17, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.18, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.19, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.20, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.21, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.22, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.23, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.24, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.25, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.26, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.27, E/C.2/2017/R.2/Add.28 and E/C.2/2017/R.3) [item 3 (b)]

[Members of the Committee, as well as observers, who wish to attend the session are kindly requested to communicate the composition of their delegations in a note verbale to the Secretary of the Committee, Mr. Alexander Lomaia (e-mail lomaia@un.org, with a copy to komatina@un.org; Room S-3057).

Background information on the Committee, its procedures, forms and documentation, is available on the website of the NGO Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (*click here*). Members of the Committee are strongly encouraged to use the online Paperless Committee System, where detailed information about upcoming applications can be found, as well as applications from previous sessions.]

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**Commission for Social Development**
Informal consultations

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room B

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution on disabilities, under item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, convened by the Chair

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**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services**
First regular session 2017

10:00 to 13:00 3rd meeting [webcast] Economic and Social Council Chamber

*UNDP segment*

1. Financial, budgetary and administrative matters [item 4]
2. Evaluation [item 3]

   Evaluation of the pilot activities carried out under the direct budget support policy (follow-up to decision 2015/1)

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| 13:15 to 14:45 | | Conference Room 5 |
| | Executive Board briefing on the UNDP Strategic Plan, 2018-2021 | |
| 15:00 to 17:30 | 4th meeting [webcast] | Economic and Social Council Chamber |
| | *UNOPS segment* | |
| | Statement by the Executive Director [item 7] | |
| 17:30 to 18:00 | Informal consultations | Economic and Social Council Chamber |
| | Informal consultations on draft decisions | |

### United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

**Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf**
Forty-third session

There will be closed meetings of the subcommissions established by the Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf *today*, 31 January 2017, from 10:00 to 13:00 and from 15:00 to 18:00, at the Geographic Information System laboratories of the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea (DC2 Building, 4th Floor).

## Other meetings

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**Event entitled "Youth Innovation to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Launching the *Youth Solutions Report*" (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Denmark and the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN))**

13:00 to 14:30 .Conference Room E

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Pernille Borgbo, Permanent Mission of Denmark (e-mail perbor@um.dk; tel. 1 (212) 705-4943).

**Group of 77 (on the Commission for Social Development)**

13:15 to 14:30 Closed meeting .Conference Room F

**Launch of the report of the International Monetary Fund entitled *Macroeconomic Developments and Prospects in Low-Income Developing Countries – 2016* (organized by the International Monetary Fund (IMF))**

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 7

All are invited. For more information, please contact Ms. Erica Carroll, IMF (e-mail ecarroll@imf.org; tel. 1 (202) 294-3899).

**International Criminal Court: New York Working Group of the Assembly of States Parties**

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 9

**Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)**

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 8

**Panel discussion on "A Roadmap to Achieve the Learning Generation" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Lebanon and Norway)**

16:00 to 17:45 [webcast] Conference Room 11

For further information, contact Ms. Emilie N. Everett, Permanent Mission of Norway (e-mail emilie.everett@mfa.no; tel. 1 (646) 430-7562).

## Press conferences

*Press Briefing Room (S-0237)* [webcast]

For the complete list of press conferences, please click on the link *www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp*.

# Forthcoming official meetings

## General Assembly

Seventy-first session

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

11:00 to 12:30 Conference Room 3

Informal briefing convened by the co-facilitators on the preparations for the two-day preparatory meeting for the United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources, to be held on 15 and 16 February 2017

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 24 January 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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Thursday, 2 February 2017

10:00 69th plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Culture of peace: draft resolution A/71/L.56 (to be issued) [item 14]
2. Sustainable development: Oceans and the law of the sea: draft decision (A/71/L.57) [items 19 and 73 (a)]
3. Disaster risk reduction: draft resolution A/71/L.54 [item 19 (c)]
4. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [item 30]
   a) Note verbale from the Permanent Mission of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Kimberley Process (A/71/665)
   b) Draft resolution A/71/L.55 (to be issued)
5. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/71/107) [item 115 (g)]
6. Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the President of the General Assembly (A/71/752) [item 115 (h)]

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Monday, 6 February 2017

10:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal meeting (closed) of the General Assembly on the intergovernmental negotiations on the question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and other matters related to the Council

Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are invited to contact the General Assembly Affairs Branch (Mr. Carlos Galindo (e-mail galindo@un.org, with copy to e-mail gaspeakerslist@un.org)).

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 12 January 2017, was sent to all permanent representatives.]

**Ad Hoc Working Group on the Revitalization of the Work of the General Assembly**

Monday, 20 February 2017

10:00 1st meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

[A letter from the President of the General Assembly, dated 19 January 2016, was sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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**United Nations Conference to Support the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14: Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development**
Preparatory meeting

Wednesday, 15, and Thursday, 16 February 2017

10:00 Conference Room 4

15:00 Conference Room 4

The President of the General Assembly, pursuant to operative paragraph 18 of General Assembly resolution 70/303, will convene a two-day preparatory meeting, to be chaired by the co-facilitators appointed to oversee the preparatory process and to conclude the intergovernmental consultations on a "Call for Action", His Excellency Álvaro Mendonça Moura, Permanent Representative of Portugal to the United Nations, and His Excellency Burhan Gafoor, Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations, with a view to considering the themes for the partnership dialogues of the Conference and elements for a "Call for Action".

As stipulated in Assembly resolution 70/303, the preparatory process shall be open to all States Members of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Other relevant stakeholders, including organizations and bodies of the United Nations, intergovernmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the scientific community, the private and philanthropic organizations, whose work is relevant to the Conference and accredited in accordance with the provisions of resolution 70/303, are invited to participate as observers. Associate members of the regional commissions are also invited to participate as observers. Additional information on registration and accreditation is available on the Conference website, please *click here*.

For additional information on the preparatory meeting please contact Ms. Ling Wang (e-mail wang24*@*un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-0727), Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs.

To consult the list of side events during the preparatory meeting, please *click here*.

[Letters from the President of the General Assembly, dated 3 November 2016 and 24 January 2017, were sent to all permanent representatives and permanent observers.]

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**Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations**

Informal briefing

The Department of Field Support and the Department of Peacekeeping Operations will provide an informal briefing (closed) to members of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations, as follows:

Friday, 3 February 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 3

Protection issues

2017 substantive session
21 February to 17 March 2017

Tuesday, 21 February 2017

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 1

In accordance with General Assembly resolution A/51/136, "those Member States which become personnel contributors to United Nations peacekeeping operations in years to come or participate in the future in the Special Committee for three consecutive years as observers shall, upon request in writing to the Chair of the Committee, become members at the following session of the Committee".

Member States wishing to submit such a request *should address the request in advance* of the session to *the secretariat* (e-mail del-vasto@un.org). States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to this session of the Special Committee *should send a request to the secretariat* (e-mail del-vasto@un.org).

The *provisional agenda of the session* is contained in A/AC.121/2017/L.1 and the draft programme of work is contained in A/AC.121/2017/L.2 (to be issued). The report of the Secretary-General on the Implementation of the recommendations of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations is contained in document A/71/587 and A/71/587/Add.1 and posted on the website of the Special Committee (www.c34.unlb.org/). Other documents of the session will also be posted on the website.

*PaperSmart* will be offered as an additional service for the 2017 substantive session of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations. The official documentation of the Special Committee will be available electronically via the PaperSmart portal by *clicking here* in all official languages.

The *list of speakers* for the general debate (21-22 February) *is open*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed in the list should contact the secretariat (Mr. Tomas Casas (e-mail casast@un.org)).

In light of the limited time available, in accordance with past practice, delegations are encouraged to limit their statements to *10 minutes* when speaking in their national capacity and to *20 minutes* when speaking on behalf of a group of countries.

Delegates are kindly requested to submit electronic versions of their statements to papersmart4@un.org, *at least two hours in advance*, of their designated speaking slot and bring only 30 copies of their statements for technical services. The number of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail. The statements will remain embargoed until delivery, after which they will be available to the public on the Portal.

*Background information* on the Special Committee is available and accessible to Committee members and observers by *clicking here*.

For inquiries regarding user names and passwords or inclusion in the Committee mailing list, kindly contact Mr. Victor Leu (e-mail leu@un.org).

**Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization**

Informal meeting

Thursday, 2 February 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 6

Informal meeting on the proposal of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries entitled "Proposal of the Non-Aligned Movement on the pacific settlement of disputes and its impact on the maintenance of peace" (A/70/33, annex I) and the proposal submitted by Ghana entitled "Working paper by Ghana on strengthening the relationship and cooperation between the United Nations and regional arrangements or agencies in the peaceful settlement of disputes" (A/71/33, annex), convened in accordance with General Assembly resolution 71/146 of 13 December 2016

2017 session
21 February to 1 March 2017

Tuesday, 21 February 2017

10:00 284th meeting Conference Room 3

The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/AC.182/L.145, and is available on the website of the Special Committee (*click here*). Other relevant documents for the session will also be posted on the website.

The list of speakers for the general debate, to be held on Tuesday, 21 February 2017, *is open*. Delegations are urged to contact the secretariat of the Special Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-5331; fax 1 (212) 963-1963)) if they wish to be inscribed on the list.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/52 of 11 December 1995, the Special Committee is open to all States Members of the United Nations. Delegations that have not yet submitted the names of their representatives, alternates and advisers are invited to inform the Codification Division, Office of Legal Affairs, secretariat of the Sixth Committee (e-mail 6thcommittee@un.org, Room DC2-0566; fax 1 (212) 963-1963).

Please note that only scanned copies of notes verbales will be accepted by e-mail.

**United Nations Commission on International Trade Law**

**Working Group II (Dispute Settlement)**
Technical briefing

Monday, 6 February 2017

13:15 Closed meeting Conference Room C

**United Nations Conference to negotiate a legally-binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination**
Organizational session

Thursday, 16 February 2017

10:00 to 13:00 1st meeting Conference Room 1

The provisional agenda for the session is contained in document A/CONF.229/2017/1 (to be issued).

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**Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples**
Organizational meeting

Thursday, 23 February 2017

10:00 Conference Room 2

Documents to be considered by the Special Committee at the meeting are contained in A/AC.109/2017/L.1, A/AC.109/2017/L.2 and A/AC.109/2017/L.3 (to be issued).

Permanent missions are kindly requested to communicate (scanned note verbale) the names of the representative(s) who will participate in the work of the Special Committee in 2017, to Ms. Karen Lock, Secretary of the Special Committee (e-mail lock@un.org; with copy to del-vasto@un.org and casast@un.org).

States not members of the Special Committee and organizations/entities with observer status in the General Assembly that wish to send observers to the 2017 session of the Special Committee *should send a request (scanned note verbale) to the secretariat* (e-mail lock@un.org; with copy to del-vasto@un.org and casast@un.org).

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## United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

**Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf**
Forty-third session
13 to 17 February and 6 to 17 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 6

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Open meeting
Friday, 10 March 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 2

Open meeting to mark the twentieth anniversary of its establishment and to highlight the work carried out by the Commission in these two decades and reflect on the relationship between the Commission and the other two treaty bodies established under the Convention, namely the International Seabed Authority and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea

The programme of the open meeting, which will be made available on the website of the Commission in early February, includes interventions by the Secretary-General of the

United Nations or his representative, the Secretary-General of the International Seabed Authority and the President of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, as well as by presenters from among the current members of the Commission.

### United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN-Women)

**Executive Board**
First regular session

Tuesday, 14 February 2017 Conference Room 3

The annotated provisional agenda and work plan for the session are contained in document UNW/2017/L.1. Advance copies of documentation are available on the UN-Women Executive Board website. Executive Board members, observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail *their credentials* (names and titles of each delegation member, on official letterhead) to Ms. Rocio Torres (e-mail rocio.torres@unwomen.org).

For requests to be on *the speakers' list* for agenda item 2 (evaluation), please send an e-mail to rocio.torres@unwomen.org, *as early as possible*, but no later than Friday, 3 February 2017. There will be no prepared speaker lists for the other agenda items.

The upcoming first regular session will be PaperSmart as per established practice. All official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal (*click here*) and will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

Member States may however make specific requests for hard copies of documents at the Conference Officers' desk located in the conference room.

Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart secretariat (e-mail papersmart4@un.org) at *least two hours in advance* of their speaking slot. The statements will be accessible electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then.

Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services, and are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

## Security Council

**Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006)**

Open briefing

Thursday, 2 February 2017

15:00 to 17:00 Trusteeship Council Chamber

Open briefing to interested Member States about the mandate and activities of the Committee by His Excellency Sebastiano Cardi (Italy), Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006).

## Economic and Social Council

### Commission for Social Development

Informal consultations

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room B

Informal consultations (closed) on the draft resolution entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth", under item 3 (b) (iii) of the provisional agenda of the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, convened by the Permanent Missions of Portugal, the Republic of Moldova and Senegal

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Fifty-fifth session
1 to 10 February 2017

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

10:00 Opening meeting Conference Room 4

The provisional annotated agenda and the proposed organization of work are contained in document E/CN.5/2017/1/Rev.1. For further information on the fifty-fifth and previous sessions of the Commission, please *click here*.

For the *participation and seating arrangements*, members of the Commission, as well as observers, who wish to participate, are requested to inform the Secretary of the Commission, Ms. Sangeeta Sharma, of the composition of their delegations (c/o Mr. Mahmoud Ablan (e-mail ablanm@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).

Due to the limited number of seats available for observers (including Member States that are not members of the Commission) in Conference Room 4, only observers who have communicated the composition of their delegations to the secretariat, will be provided a nameplate on the floor of the conference room. All others will be seated on a first-come, first-served basis. Delegations should contact the secretariat regarding accessibility requirements, *as soon as possible* (e-mail *desthonf@un.org*).

*General discussion* under item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda (Priority theme: Strategies for eradicating poverty to achieve sustainable development for all) will begin on Wednesday, 1 February 2017, following the opening of the session.

The general discussion under item 3 (b) (Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups) will begin on Friday, 3 February 2017, in the afternoon. For further details, please consult the proposed organization of work in Annex I to document E/CN.5/2017/1/Rev.1.

The *lists of speakers* are open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the lists should contact, *in writing*, Ms. Isabel Alejandrino (e-mail alejandrino@un.org), with a copy to Mr. Paolo Dua (e-mail duap@un.org).

Delegations are reminded that, according to past practice, statements made by individual Member States should not exceed *seven minutes*; statements made on behalf of a group of States should not exceed *ten minutes*, and statements made by observers should not exceed *five minutes*.

Delegates are informed that *PaperSmart services* are offered as an additional service for the fifty-fifth session of the Commission.

Delegations wishing to circulate their statements electronically through the PaperSmart portal should send a copy of the statement *at least one hour* in advance of delivery to papersmart2@un.org. The date of the meeting and the agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement and in the subject line of the e-mail.

The *statements* will be made available on the Commission PaperSmart portal at the time of delivery by delegations.

To consult comprehensive information on the *participation of non-governmental organizations* in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council in the work of the Commission, please *click here*.

Information regarding side events during the fifty-fifth session of the Commission, including the online application form, is accessible by *clicking here*.

## United Nations Children's Fund

### Executive Board
First regular session

Tuesday, 7, to Thursday, 9 February 2017 Conference Room 3

The provisional annotated agenda, timetable and organization of work of the UNICEF Executive Board are contained in document E/ICEF/2017/1. Advance copies of all documentation for the session are available by *clicking here*. Member States as well as observers and representatives of other organizations attending the session are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (1 (212) 326-7096), or e-mail them to harari@unicef.org, as early as possible, but *no later than Friday, 3 February 2017*.

In accordance with rule 50 (2) of the rules of procedures and its annex, observer delegations are also requested to communicate, with their credentials, their special interest in the items of the provisional agenda on which they intend to intervene. The time limit set for delivering statements during the general discussion is *five minutes* for speakers on behalf of groups and *three minutes* for individual delegations.

As per established practice, advance copies of all session documentation are available on the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*). The upcoming 2017 first regular session will be a PaperSmart session of the UNICEF Executive Board. This means that instead of distributing hardcopies in the conference room, all documentation will be available for downloading electronically through the UNICEF Executive Board website (*click here*). UNICEF is fully committed to diversity and inclusion. To ensure that the Executive Board session is fully accessible, participants are kindly reminded of a few basic tenets that will enable all delegates to enjoy the full benefit of the deliberations. To the extent possible, speakers are encouraged to introduce themselves and to read out and/or verbally describe visual materials in slides, charts and graphs.

The United Nations provides a range of tools and services in support of persons with disabilities through its Accessibility Centre (located in the first basement level of the Conference Building), an Accessibility Service Kiosk (adjacent to the Information Desk at the Visitors' Entrance); and a Documents Assistance Centre (in the Delegates' Lounge). UNICEF would be happy to put delegates in touch with the Centre, or – with advance notice – they need to let UNICEF know what kind of services would be needed to procure on their behalf.

Delegations planning to present statements at the session are kindly requested to submit electronic versions to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board (Attn.

Mr. Dillon Leano (e-mail dleano@unicef.org)). The intended agenda item should be indicated in the heading of the statement *and* in the subject line of the e-mail. These statements will remain embargoed until delivery of the statement and then posted to the 'In-session' webpage on the UNICEF Executive Board website. Delegations are kindly requested to bring 10 copies of their statements to the conference officers for interpretation. Delegations are encouraged to bring their laptops, tablets or other mobile devices to the meeting in order to access electronically the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart portal.

**Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Population Fund and the United Nations Office for Project Services**

**United Nations Population Fund**

Briefings

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

13:15 to 14:45 Conference Room 5

On the UNFPA Strategic Plan 2018-2021

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

Friday, 3 February 2017

10:00 to 11:00 Economic and Social Council Chamber

On UNFPA humanitarian response funding

All member and observer delegations are invited to attend.

## Forthcoming other meetings

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**Briefing for the 58 co-sponsors of General Assembly resolution 71/248, entitled " International, Impartial and Independent Mechanism to Assist in the Investigation and Prosecution of Persons Responsible for the Most Serious Crimes under International Law Committed in the Syrian Arab Republic since March 2011" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein)**

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

10:00 to 11:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 12

All co-sponsors of the resolution are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Jörn Eiermann, Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein (e-mail je@nyc.llv.li; tel. 1 (212) 599-0220, ext. 227).

**Group of Landlocked Developing Countries (legal experts)**

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

10:30 to 12:30 Closed meeting Conference Room 5

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**Panel discussion on "Converging Security Threats: How Can the United Nations Better Respond to Terrorism and Violent Extremism and Other Related Non-state Security Threats?" (co-organized by the Permanent Missions of Bangladesh, Jordan and Norway)**

Wednesday, 1 February 2017

11:30 to 13:00 Conference Room 11

For further information, contact Ms. Synne M. Berge, Permanent Mission of Norway (e-mail synne.marie.berge@mfa.no; tel. 1 (646) 430-7510).

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**Briefing on "The Road Map to the United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV) Strategic Framework, 2018-2021" (organized by the United Nations Volunteers Programme (UNV))**

Thursday, 2 February 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 5

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Ame Esangbedo, UNV (e-mail ame.esangbedo@unv.org; tel. 1 (212) 906-3632).

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**Informal dialogue on "The Progress of the Inter-Agency Task Force on Financing for Development (IATF on FFD) in Preparing its 2017 Report and Online Annex" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA))**

Monday, 6 February 2017

13:15 to 14:30 Conference Room 11

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Oliver Schwank, Financing for Development Office (e-mail schwank@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-4970); *click here*.

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**Alliance of Small Island States (AOSIS) (plenary meeting)**

Wednesday, 8 February 2017

15:00 to 16:00 Closed meeting Conference Room 11

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**Event entitled "Media and Information Literacy: Educational Strategies for the Prevention of Violent Extremism" (co-organized by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI))**

Thursday, 9 February 2017

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 1

All are invited. For further information, please contact Mr. Jordi Torrent, UNAOC (e-mail jordit@unops.org; tel. 1 (929) 274-6216).

**High-level Forum on the occasion of the second International Day of Women and Girls in Science (11 February) (co-organized by the Permanent Mission of Malta and the Royal Academy of Science International Trust (RASIT))**

Friday, 10 February 2017

10:00 to 13:00 Conference Room 6

15:00 to 18:00 Conference Room 6

All are invited. For further information, please contact Ms. Anneliese Sammut, Permanent Mission of Malta (e-mail anneliese.sammut@gov.mt; tel. 1 (929) 216-7766). To register, please *click here*.

## Announcements

**Invitation to participate in the Twelfth St. Jerome Translation Contest**

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**Highlights of Security Council Practice**

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The 2016 Highlights of Security Council is now available online (*click here*). It is also available on the Security Council website (*click here*). The Highlights is produced by the Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch in the Security Council Affairs Division of the Department of Political Affairs. The Branch is also responsible for the drafting of the *Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council, which provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional Rules of Procedure since 1946.

For more information about the 2016 Highlights of Security Council Practice, please contact Mr. Xu Zheng (tel. 1 (917) 367-6900), Security Council Practices and Charter Research Branch, Security Council Affairs Division, Department of Political Affairs.

**Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions**

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*Security Council documentation*

*Introduction to United Nations documents*

*Finding speeches*

*Voting information*

*Introduction to legal resources*

All interested are kindly requested to register by accessing the Library Training Calendar (*click here*). For more information, please contact the Library (e-mail library-ny@un.org; tel. 1 (212) 963-3000).

**International Law Seminar for African Universities: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (19 to 30 June 2017): Urgent appeal for voluntary contributions and call for applications**

The African Institute of International Law is planning to conduct the second International Law Seminar for African Universities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) from 19 to 30 June 2017, to promote capacity building in international law education for the benefit of the faculty members of academic institutions and government training centres throughout the region.

The African Institute of International Law will conduct the seminar in cooperation with the Codification Division of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs pursuant to General Assembly resolution 71/139 (A/RES/71/139).

The curriculum for this seminar will include: International Law (Ms. Boisson de Chazournes), International Trade Law and Environmental Law (Mr. Mbengue), African Union Law and Institutions (Judge Kioko), International and African Human Rights Law (Mr. Okafor), Law of the Sea (Ms. Oral); as well as International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law (Judge Advocate General Riordan).

The seminar is subject to funding by *voluntary contributions*. Voluntary contributions are *urgently needed* to ensure the continuation of this essential capacity building activity to promote international law education in Africa.

For further information, please contact the African Institute of International Law (e-mail info@aiil-iadi.org), or the Secretary of the Advisory Committee on the Programme of Assistance, Ms. Virginia Morris (e-mail morrisv@un.org). Application forms are available on the AIIL website (*click here*).

**Press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly**

The press kit for the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is available online in all six official languages. Produced by the Department of Public Information (DPI), in cooperation with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM), the kit is paper-free. Print-on-demand versions are available on the General Assembly website (*click here*).

***Repertoire* of the Practice of the Security Council**

The *Repertoire* provides comprehensive coverage of the Security Council's interpretation and application of the United Nations Charter and its own Provisional

Rules of Procedure. It is prepared by the Security Council Affairs Division in the Department of Political Affairs.

The *Repertoire* is designed to assist government officials, practitioners of international law and international relations, academics and all those interested in the work of the United Nations in following the evolving practice of the Council and gaining a better understanding of the framework in which it operates. The latest printed volume (Seventeenth Supplement), covering the years 2010 to 2011, is now available.

For copies, please contact Mr. Louis Giordano, Meetings Support Section (tel. 1 (212) 963-7288). The Eighteenth Supplement (2012-2013) and Part I of the Nineteenth Supplement (2014-2015) are available in their advance versions on the *Repertoire section* of the website of the Security Council.

**Report of the High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises**

The report of the Secretary-General's High-level Panel on the Global Response to Health Crises has been issued in document A/70/723, in conjunction with the Secretary-General's report, contained in document A/70/824.

**Calendar of conferences and meetings**

The 2016 calendar of conferences and meetings is available and posted on the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management (DGACM) website, or can be consulted by *clicking here*.

# Summary of official meetings

**Monday, 30 January 2017**

## Economic and Social Council

**Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations**
2017 regular session

1st meeting

*Opening of the session*

The Chair of the 2016 sessions of the Committee, Mr. Jorge Dotta (Uruguay), opened the 2017 regular session of the Committee.

*Election of officers* [item 1]

The Committee elected, by acclamation, Ms. Ceren Hande Özgür (Turkey) as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

The Committee re-elected, by acclamation, Mr. Jorge Dotta (Uruguay) as Chair of the 2017 regular and resumed sessions.

The Committee postponed the election of the remaining officers to a later date.

*Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters* [item 2]

The Committee adopted the provisional agenda, as contained in document E/C.2/2017/1.

*Organization of work*

The Committee approved its programme of work and its tentative schedule of work, as contained in Working Paper 1.

The Director, Office for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), made a statement.

The Chair made a statement.

*Strengthening of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat* [item 5]

*General voluntary trust fund in support of the United Nations Non-Governmental Organizations Informal Regional Network* [item 8]

The Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, China, India, Greece, the Russian Federation and Cuba, as well as by the observers for the European Union, Mexico and the United Kingdom.

The Secretary of the Committee provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

*Consideration of special reports* [item 7]

A statement was made by the representative of Turkey requesting the withdrawal of consultative status of three non-governmental organizations listed in the letter submitted by Turkey on 23 January 2017.

Statements were made by the representatives of Azerbaijan, the United States, India, Pakistan and Turkey.

The meeting was suspended.

The meeting was resumed.

Statements were made by the representatives of Burundi, China, the United States, the Sudan, Cuba, Turkey, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and India.

The representative of the United States requested a roll-call vote to postpone action on the aforementioned three non-governmental organizations to give them time to respond to questions posed.

The Committee rejected the proposal of the United States by 14 votes to 2, with 2 abstentions (roll-call vote).

The representative of Turkey requested a roll-call vote on the recommendation to the Economic and Social Council that the special consultative status be withdrawn from the three non-governmental organizations.

The representatives of the United States and India made statements on the point of order.

The Committee decided to take action on the three non-governmental organizations, Kimse Yok Mu, Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi (The Journalists and Writers Foundation) and Turkiye Isadamlari ve Sanayiciler Konfederasyonu, separately.

A statement in the explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the United States.

By 16 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions (roll-call vote), the Committee recommended to the Economic and Social Council that special consultative status be withdrawn from the organization "Kimse Yok Mu".

A statement in explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the United States.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the United States.

By 16 votes to 2, with 1 abstention (roll-call vote), the Committee recommended to the Economic and Social Council that special consultative status be withdrawn from the organization "Gazeteciler ve Yazarlar Vakfi (The Journalists and Writers Foundation)".

A statement in the explanation of vote after the vote was made by the representative of the United States.

A statement in explanation of vote before the vote was made by the representative of the United States.

By 16 votes to 0, with 2 abstentions (roll-call vote), the Committee recommended to the Economic and Social Council that special consultative status be withdrawn from the organization "Turkiye Isadamlari ve Sanayiciler Konfederasyonu".

Statements were made by the representatives of Turkey, the United States, India and China.

The Acting Chief of the Non-Governmental Organizations Branch, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), provided clarifications to the members of the Committee.

2nd meeting

The summary of the 2nd meeting of the 2017 regular session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2017/21).

## General information

### Chairs of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *January 2017* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

*African States*

Burundi
His Excellency Albert Shingiro

*Asia-Pacific States*
Lebanon
His Excellency Nawaf Salam

*Eastern European States*
Lithuania
Her Excellency Raimonda Murmokaitė

*Latin American and Caribbean States*
Cuba
Her Excellency Ana Silvia Rodriguez Abascal
*Chargée d'Affaires*

*Western European and other States*
Switzerland
His Excellency Jürg Lauber

## General Assembly

Seventy-first session

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The agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly is contained in documents A/71/251 and A/71/251/Add.1, and the allocation of agenda items for the session is contained in document A/71/252 and A/71/252/Add.1.

The annotated preliminary list of items to be included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly has been issued in document A/71/100 and the annotated draft agenda of the seventy-first session has been issued as document A/71/100/Add.1.

The following items on the agenda remain open for consideration during the seventy-first session of the General Assembly: agenda items 9 to 15, 19, 19 (h), 20, 28 to 35, 37, 38, 40 to 46, 51, 61, 62, 62 (a) and (b), 65, 65 (a), 66, 68, 68 (b), 69, 69 (a) to (d), 73, 73 (a), 87, 110 to 112, 114, 114 (a), 115, 115 (b) (g), (h), (i), (j), (k), and (l), 116 to 125, 126, 126 (b), (c), (e) to (h), (j), (k), (m), (p), (q), (s), (t) and (z), and 127 to 164.

The schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the resumed part of its seventy-first session will be reflected in the online schedule of meetings, please *click here*.

There is no pre-determined calendar of meetings for the resumed part of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly.

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A/RES/71/127 Item 69 (a) — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 8 December 2016 [A C E F R S] — *15 pages*

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A/RES/71/197 Item 68 (b) — Resolution adopted by the General Assembly on 19 December 2016 [A C E F R S] — *6 pages*

**Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women**

**Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**
**Sixty-sixth session**

CEDAW/C/66/1 Item 2 of the provisional agenda — Adoption of the agenda and organization of work Annotated provisional agenda — Provisional agenda [E F S (only)] — *4 pages*

**Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

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**Fifty-seventh session**

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